

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

Those attending in person: Mike Hogan, RD Eno, Skip Bothfeld, Fred Ducharme, Karen Larsen, Chris Tormey, Kris Schmidt, Will Ameden, Frank Kampf, Betty Ritter, Jeanne Johnson, Gary Gulka, Greg Burttt; online: Davis Barnett, Brittany Butler; Rodger Sheldon; Jennifer Churchill, Theresa Lay-Sleeper

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 6:00 pm.
2. Approve Agenda - A motion was made by Fred with a second by , Karen, additions – none approved
3. Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2024, SB Meeting RD – Item 10 d. We would like to have this done (stricken) and apply for Neighbor Hood Status. Item 10 f. change name to Pat Moulton 6 3 paragraph, all previous plans would be revoked, not resolved. A motion was made by RD and seconded by Fred. The October 21 meeting. A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred. Karen stated that the recreation committee form a group to clean up Tim’s ballfield and we would get a volunteer group together to help with this. Motion carried. October 28 Budget – a motion was made by RD with a second by Fred, approved.
4. Public Comment – Davis Barnet sent a note to the SB via their email that is on the website was concerned about the posting that if the taxes are not paid on the West Hill Pond Dam, the SB would take it by eminent domain. RD stated that at a SB meeting years ago this was merely an anecdote. That is not on the present SB agenda. Karen stated that she didn’t see you email. She stated the State has moved on to define ownership. David wanted to know if it is a separate parcel. It is not, it is contiguous property. The dam comes with the house. Karen – hope this clarifies. David wanted to check how to reach the SB. Mike stated if he has a question for the SB to send it to him and he will pass it on to the rest of the Board.
5. Highway Update –
  - a. Jug Brook is open (with a couple more inspections)
  - b. Blodgett will be worked on next week
  - c. Aldo – may be off for 6 months. Sid has another person with will work from December through April.
6. Zoning – After the Fact Permit/Site Visit-Discussion/Decision – Brittany suggested that most towns have them, if they file for a \$60 permit it then would be a \$120 after permit if the permit did not cover what they actually did. It would need to be to zoning. Karen if there are changes that you are proposing would it be possible to write a brief write-up. It would be an additional box on the permit. More discussion will follow.
7. Village Tributaries: Decision on flood mitigation measures in engineering report to pursue for FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant - Task Force met on Friday 8 the recommendations of put into the Hazard Mitigation Grant would go to Emergency Management. They will do a cost analysis. Gary reviewed the recommendations of Flood Mitigation Alternatives from SR Engineering Report. RD moved that we accept all 5 recommendations with a second from Fred, motion carried.
8. Discussion of Draft Proposed Articles for Town Meeting 2025.
  - a. Neighbors In Action – Tax Exempt Request – RD has drafted an article
  - b. CCIF Plan Changes – creates a new CCIF plan to merge the CCIF Fund and Scholarship to be an Investment Plan. He did review the new information on the proposed CCIF committee. Chris Tormey stated that the present committee did not accept this proposal at their last meeting. Why not keep the fund as it is now. The CCIF fund has a benefit to answer the needs and is broader in its reach. The fund now has professional people to oversee the management from Union Bank. They have worked to have the fund built back up over the years. Gregg echoes the same as what Chris said. Being careful in how the projects are being pursued in a community. Worries about who oversees project and how it would fit in our town. Would it be planned by outside of our town instead of using local businesses. Other big players and what it should look like. Karen – the thing seems

to be consistent. Everything has to go back to the Town. We have to vote on any project. He has seen in the past that articles relating to CCIF have not been educated. Kris – how does the proposal come about in the first place. RD two years ago recommend that to freeze the funds. An experienced financial person would never sell in a panic. It was suggested that the draft be put in the Chronicle for people to review. Gregg agreed they should not have put so much into investment and did not agree to it when it was done. RD wanted to make it clear they are not to micromanage. Town Meeting decides – whether small or large investments. The municipality to be a partner in whatever enterprise that may come up. Mike – they are not for the future of the FD. Jeanne – former CCIF member and a 3<sup>rd</sup> option to deplete the “moldy money” and go about getting new funds. As of right now it is now built up to \$795,000 *For the complete discussion, listen to the audio version on Cabotvt.us..*

- c. Category C FEMA projects 2025: Menard Rd, Lower Jug Brook Rd., Mack Mtn. Road – hoping to put 3 articles to borrow the amount roughly \$600,000 apiece for a total of \$1.6 million and it would come under FEMA and the Town would be responsible for around \$200,000. RD wanted to know what Category C – these are long term. We are now getting some reimbursement back from FEMA
- d. Fairbanks Museum Article – might come under Appropriations.
- e. Town Plan Update – An article on Town Meeting update. It is not a rewrite. Worked on 18-24 months revising the plan. Sent it off to the state and is on the Town website. We really tried to cut it down, but with the new additions we had to include. The PC sent a copy to the local towns and have a meeting on December 2. Then SB will have their own hearing so people can bring their changes or concerns. When does a final draft have to be ready for Town Meeting? No dates as of yet.

9. Review of public meeting for December 5 – talk about the budget. Community meeting – 3 different subjects – budget and articles. Marie – concerned are public comment and would this turn into another SB meeting. Dates were discussed, but no firm date as of yet for the public hearing.

10. Planning Commission Hearing Process for Town Plan - refer to 8e

#### 11. Water and Wastewater

- a. Update from Rodger Sheldon, H2O Innovations – Rodger stated the program is \$799.99 and mark out all kinds of stuff with a camera built in – very decent and affordable. It includes hydrants, shut off valves, curb stops. Mike wanted to know if anyone can access. He can provide copies, it will remain at Town Clerk’s office, can we access online. Karen – is this a cloud based program. Rodger stated that it is not but we always add a link to have it readily available. RD moved that we approve the Garmin System and tags, Fred seconded, motion carried. Karen where does the data live? It will be at ww plant.
- b. Water Reservoir – We should have it cleaned and inspected every 3-5 years. He also suggested that we get a generator for the water plant on bond hill.
- c. Bond hill – Paul DeSeto looked at this as we had an alarm. First that it was pressure relief valve – there may have been a valve that may have been turned off.
- d. New pump went in Jug Brook.
- e. Treatment Plant – running pretty well. Updates to prepare for – heating and ventilation. Will we be able to get through the winter with the current furnace. Yes, as long as nothing goes wrong.

#### 12. Town Clerks Office

- a. Orders – they have been signed.
- b. Renew \$500,000 Line of Credit – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Mike, motion carried.
- c. Other business – Betty informed that SB that we have been approved for the Energy Resiliency Grant. Details will follow shortly.

13. Other Business – There was no other business.

14. Motion to Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Fred, with a second by RD, motion carried, and we adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Ritter, Clerk